Duty Free Gold Missing form Bonded Premises

393. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Customs officials at the NOIDA Export Promotion Zone have recently found 18 kg. of duty free gold missing from the bonded premises;

(b) if so, the facts alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to probe the cause of missing gold; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) During the course of search of the premises of M/s. Arun Jewellery Exports (P) Ltd., an export unit in the NOIDA Export Processing Zone, on 26.4.1996, no gold or gold Jewellery was found. However, some silver coins weighing less than 1 kg were found. This Unit was issued 16 kgs. of duty-free gold by the MMTC for manufacture and export of gold jewellery. But the Unit reportedly failed to perform its export obligations within the time limit allowed by the DGFT. Investigations are still continuing.

Small Scale Industries

394 SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to allow the multinational companies to produce such items which are reserved for production in Small Scale Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) In accordance with the current policies of the Government, industrial undertakings, other than the small scale industries undertakings, are normally not allowed to manufacture items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. However, they are allowed to do so subject to an export obligation of a minimum of 75% of annual production.

Foreign Investment in PSU

395. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to impose restrictions on direct foreign investments in consumer goods sector;

(b) if so, whether any final decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the items specified and to what extent the Indian industry would benefited?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). The Government policy on foreign investment is constantly reviewed to make it more dynamic with the objective of inreasing foreign direct investments into the country, particularly, in priority/ core sectors, including infrastructure.

Sick Paper Mills

396. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some paper mills in the country have fallen sick;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the number of workers affected due to the closure;

(d) whether the Government propose to revive them, and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) The data in regard to sick paper mills is not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Industry. However, according to available information the details of sick paper mills are indicated in *statement* enclosed.

(d) and (e) A quasi-judicial Body designated as the 'The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction' (BIFR) has been set up to deal with the problems of sick industrial companies. The Reserve Bank of India has also issued guidelines to the banks for strengthening the monitoring systems and arresting industrial sickness at the incipient stage. Revival of Sick industrial units is also done by amalgamation/merger of sick units with healthy units by granting income-tax concessions to healthy units which undertake such amalgamation.

STATEMENT

S No	Name of State	No. of Sick Mills
1	2	3
1	Assam	1
2	Bihar	3
3	West Bengal	15
4	Orissa	1
5.	Uttar Pradesh	13
6	Delhi	1
7	Punjab	5

1	2	3
8.	Haryana	4
9.	Chandigarh	3
10.	Himachal Pradesh	10
11.	Rajasthan	5
12.	Gujarat	8
13.	Maharashtra	11
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7
15.	Andhra Pradesh	14
16.	Karnataka	8
17.	Tamil Nadu	8
18	Kerala	2
19.	Pondicherry	2
	Total	121

Violation of Bipartite Agreement in Case of Retrenched Employees

397 SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN . Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bipartite Agreement signed on November 17, 1987 between the Management of State Bank and All India State Bank of India Staff Federation, also required to be implemented in case of retrenched temporary employees

(b) if so the number of cases brought to the notice of the Government during 1995 and 1996 by MPs in which the said Agreement reported to have been violated, State-wise particularly in respect of SBI's branch at Koochbehar, West Bengal, and

(c) the action taken in each of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) State Bank of India has reported that the provisions of its bipartite settlement signed on 17.11.87 are applicable to ex-temporary employees whose services were dis-continued, provided they fulfil the conditions laid down therein.

(b) and (c). The bank has further reported that on two occasions, two Hon'ble Members of Parliament have raised the issue of permanent appointment of one and five ex-temporary employees in Murarai Branch and Koochbehar District (both in West Bengal) respectively. The bank has stated that these ex-temporary employees have already been empanelled for being absorbed into the service of the bank as and when their turn comes and vacancies arise

Branch Expansion Programme of Nationalised Banks in Orissa

398 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of branches of nationalised banks which were proposed to be opened in Orissa during the 1994-95 and 1995-96 location-wise, and

(b) the names of the nationalised banks, the branches of which have since been opened during the above period location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has reported that it had authorised two public sector banks to open a branch each in Orissa during the year 1994-95 and five public sector banks to open twelve branches during the year 1995-96. The location-wise details are given in Statement-I enclosed

(b) Location-wise details of branches of public sector banks opened in Orissa during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given in the Statement II enclosed

STATEMENT-I

Authorisations Issued to Public Sector Banks During 1994-95 and 1995-96 for Opening Branches in Orissa

Name of Centre (District)	Name of Bank
1	2
1994-95	
1 Paradeep (Jagatsinghpur)	Oriental Bank of Commerce
2 Sambalpur (Sambalpur)	Bank of Baroda
1995-96	
3 Bhubaneswar (Bhubaneswar)	Bank of India
4 Shahid Nagar (Khurda)	Canara Bank
5. Sanadeva Khunta (Balasore)	Canara Bank
6 Puri (Puri)	Vijaya Bank